

What is the Citizens' Law Academy?

The Citizens' Law Academy (CLA) is an adult public information program of the Idaho State Bar. It is supported by the Idaho District Bar Associations and the U.S. Federal Courts Community Outreach grants. In 2000, CLA was implemented in 6th District to create an educational interaction between the public and the legal community. It evolved into a multi-week program to educate the public to:

- Understand the laws effecting their daily lives, and their rights under the law;
- Understand what lawyers do, how they serve the public, and how problems are resolved in the profession;
- Understand how the judicial system works;
- Learn about lawyers' public service and pro bono work, activities that help ensure equal access under the law.



Sixth District Citizens' Law Academy

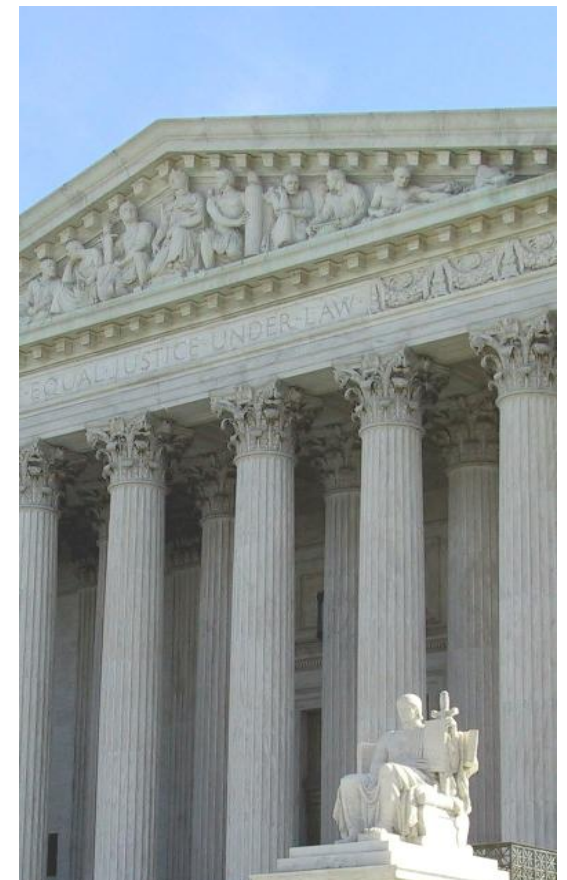
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SIXTH DISTRICT CITIZENS' LAW ACADEMY

Community Legal Outreach Program





WHO IS INVOLVED?

Practicing attorneys, judges, committee members, and staff from the Idaho State Bar/Idaho Law Foundation serve as faculty and discussion leaders for the weekly two-hour evening classes. Topics are selected by a subcommittee of the Idaho State Bar Public Information Committee (PIC). The PIC then recruits specific faculty who are experts in the topic areas to serve as instructors. Class participants are chosen from applications submitted to the Bar for consideration. 25-35 citizens are invited to participate in each session. Applicants must be 18 years of age.

How it came about

The idea was conceived in the Public Information Committee (PIC) and was modeled after the Citizens' Police Academy in Boise. The PIC and leadership of the 6th District Bar Association designed the curriculum, evaluated class materials and invited participating faculty. Class participants do not pay for the class sessions, but they are encouraged to attend each class to obtain maximum benefit from the program. All faculty, committee, and Bar staff time is contributed. The first class was held in the fall of 2000.

Sixth District 2010 Spring Schedule

The Sixth Judicial District, composed of Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power Counties, conducts a series of eight classes on a variety of legal issues from January through the end of March. With some variation from year to year, participants in the Citizens' Law Academy will receive education from top attorneys, magistrate and district judges, and United States federal judges in Personal Injury Law; Family Law; Indian Law; Wills, Estates and Probate; Criminal Law, Prosecution, Defense and Sentencing; Bankruptcy; Women's Rights in the Workplace; and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Class Times and Topic

All classes commence at 6:30 p.m. and will continue until approximately 8:30 p.m. The sessions will primarily be held at the Bannock County Courthouse at 624 E. Center in Pocatello. Some sessions will be held at the Federal Court Building in Pocatello.

2010 Schedule and Topics are as follows (Subject to change in dates):

January 27: Family Law
February 3: Personal Injury
February 10: Bankruptcy
February 17: Criminal Law
February 24: Wills, Estates and Probate
March 3: Indian Law
March 10: Women's Rights in the Workplace
March 17: Alternative Dispute Resolution;
Graduation

2010 Presenters

David Kress; Sixth District Magistrate Judge

Jonathan Volyn; Racine, Olson, Nye, Budge and Bailey

Jim Pappas; Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Idaho

Robert Naftz; Sixth District Judge

Lyle Eliassen; Eliassen Law Office

EchoHawk Law Offices; Attorneys at Law

Mary Huneycutt; Attorney at Law

Amy Cunningham; Disability Rights Idaho

N. Randy Smith; Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

How to Apply

Anyone who is interested in participating in the 2010 Sixth District Citizens' Law Academy must fill out an application. Applications are available by contacting Lyle Eliassen at 226.5138; Mark Petersen at 406.9885; or Pam Mottishaw at 232.6101.

Applications are due by January 15, 2010.

